

The Honorable Michael K. Powell  
Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Powell:

I am writing to urge you to not support the pending merger of EchoStar and HUGHES, the parent company of DIRECTV. I believe the merger will decrease competition and choices for consumers like me.

I switched from Echostar to DirectTV due to poor support, quality and threats by their customer service. After arguing with me and threatening me for switching they insisted I'd be back when they buy DirecTV and hung up on me. I would return to inferior cable service before dealing with Echostar or the combined company.

I appreciate your consideration of my views.

Sincerely,

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